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BANGKOK PASS TO SENATORS THURMOND AND SCOTT

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SUBJECT: CODEL THURMOND: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO

1. SUMMARY: IN MEETING WITH SENATORS THURMOND AND SCOTT JANUARY 7, PRESIDENT SUHARTO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS FOR NATIONS FACING COMMUNIST THREAT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE HINTED AT RECONSIDERATION OF INDONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN ICCS. END SUMMARY

2. IN 50-MINUTE MEETING JANUARY 7 PRESIDENT SUHARTO RECEIVED SENATORS STROM THURMOND AND WILLIAM SCOTT. SENATORS DESCRIBED THEIR CURRENT VISIT TO EAST ASIA EMPHASIZING SITUATIONS IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. THEY CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON HIS LEADERSHIP IN INDONESIA, SPOKE OF THEIR IMPRESSION OF INDONESIA'S GREAT POTENTIAL, AND SAID THEY FELT SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP FOR PRESIDENT SUHARTO BECAUSE, LIKE THEM, HE WAS STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST. TWO SENATORS STRESSED THEIR CONVICTION THAT COMMUNIST MENACE REMAINED STRONG AND COULD ONLY BE MET BY COOPERATIVE EFFORT AMONG FREE WORLD NATIONS. SENATOR SCOTT STRESSED MAJOR EFFORT U.S. HAD MADE IN VIETNAM INCLUDING SACRIFICE OF 50,000 LIVES AND 300,000 WOUNDED. LOSS OF SOUTH VIETNAM WOULD REPRESENT MORE SERIOUS THREAT TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS THAN TO UNITED
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STATES. SENATOR EXPRESSED HOPE FOR GREATER ROLE BY

SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. SENATOR THURMOND SAID HE WELCOMED INDONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN ICCS AND CONVEYED HOPE OF AMBASSADOR MARTIN IN SAIGON THAT INDONESIA WOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN ICCS. HE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO INDONESIA BY AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND SAID HE FELT DISCUSSIONS OF VIETNAM SITUATION WITH AMBASSADOR WOULD BE VERY USEFUL.

4. PRESIDENT SUHARTO IN REPLY SAID THAT HE SAW COMMUNIST MENACE MUCH MORE IN TERMS OF SUBVERSION AND INFILTRATION THAN HE DID IN TERMS OF MILITARY THREAT TO INDONESIA. THIS MADE STRENGTHENING OF INDONESIAN "RESILIENCE" MATTER OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO HIS GOVERNMENT. THIS MEANT EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ON INTERNAL ORDER BASED ON FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PANCASILA (INDONESIA'S STATE IDEOLOGY BASED ON: BELIEF IN GOD, HUMANITARIANISM, DEMOCRACY, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL JUSTICE).

5. PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC NEEDS OF INDONESIA AND FACT THAT EVEN WITH NEW OIL REVENUES INDONESIA WAS FAR FROM WEALTHY. INDONESIA PRODUCES ONLY 2 O/O OF WORLD'S OIL. TOTAL NATIONAL BUDGET, WHICH HE HAD REPRESENTED PREVIOUS DAY TO PARLIAMENT, AMOUNTS TO ONLY \$600 BILLION, VERY SMALL AMOUNT WHEN COMPARED TO BUDGETS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

6. ON REGIONAL BASIS PRESIDENT SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BUILD GROUP OF STRONG SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS ABLE TO WITHSTAND SUBVERSIVE THREATS. THIS WAS BEING CARRIED OUT THROUGH ASEAN GROUPING AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN INDONESIA, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND THE PHILIPPINES. INDONESIA WAS LENDING SOME HELP TO OTHER NEIGHBORS, PARTICULARLY BURMA.

7. PRESIDENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM WOULD INCREASE THREAT TO INDONESIA. WHEN INDONESIA HAD ENTERED ICCS AFTER SIGNING OF PARIS AGREEMENTS, HE HAD LOOKED FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE AGREEMENTS. THIS WAS BASIS FOR INDONESIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICIPATION. SITUATION IS NOW BECOMING EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IN VIETNAM AND WITH RENEWED FIGHTING, THIS BASIS FOR INDONESIAN PARTICIPATION IS BECOMING WEAKER. IF THERE IS NOT MOVEMENT SOON TOWARD PEACE THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS AGREEMENTS, INDONESIA WILL NEED TO RECONSIDER ICCS PARTICIPATION.

8. WHEN SENATORS POINTED OUT HANOI WAS PRIMARY REASON

FOR CURRENT DETERIORATION, SUHARTO AGREED, COMMENT THAT HANOI WAS RECEIVING SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM BOTH SOVIET UNION AND CHINA, EACH OF WHICH WAS SEEKING PREDOMINANT INFLUENCE IN HANOI.

9. PRESIDENT ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF U.S. HELP TO BOTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. HE SAID INDONESIA GRATEFUL FOR SIGNIFICANT U.S. ROLE IN REIGION AND GRATEFUL ALSO FOR U.S. HELP TO INDONESIA.

10. COMMENT: MEETING ILLUSTRATED AGAIN FACT THAT SUHARTO, DESPITE HISTORY OF STRONG DOMESTIC ANTI-COMMUNIST POLICIES, AVOIDS BEING DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF ANY DIRECT SUPPORT FOR SAIGON. INDONESIA LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO SEE PROBLEM AS IMPLEMENTATION OF APARIS AGREEMENTS RATHER THAN STRENGTHENING OF SAIGON GOVERNMENT FOR MILITARY SUCCESSES.
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